

## The Horse.

It is said that the horse inhabited America during the post-pliocene period, contemporaneously with the mastodon and megalonia. The truth of this statement can be easily ascertained by consulting any well-informed mastodon or veracious megalonia you may chance to meet.

The horse, however, is believed to be a native of Asia. Therefore, gentle reader, you can also your mind on that matter.

It is said there are no real wild horses; but don't you put too much dependence on this assertion, or saddle the consequences.

He roars up his young in the way they should go; he rears up himself in a way that his rider doesn't want to go.

Horses are subject to colds, and the pony is always a little horse.

King Richard exclaimed: "A horse, a horse! my kingdom for a horse!" At that time his crown was in danger. Had he found a horse, his crown might have been broken.

A young horse is called a colt. Colts are revolvers. They discharge their load with a snap.

When a driver wants a horse to get down to his work he tells him to get up.

The horse is not afraid of bad weather. He is guided by the rein.

He is a great eater, and generally has a bit in his mouth.

His bridle trip usually lasts through life.

He is always to be depended on, come wheel or cover.

The horse is covered with hair, but it is on his neck in the mane. This is his mane deck.

The tail is the horse's afterdeck. Horses can still be sold at wholesale after that appendage is gone, but it is impossible to re-tail them.

The horse has no toes. You will no toes if he steps on your foot. Horses come from the steppes.

Horses are always kind and sound. That is, the kind that are advertised for sale. There is a pleasant sound about the expression.

A horse won't go right unless you pull him from the straight course.

They will eat corn. They leave the cob, but a cob will not leave the corn. Their flesh is sometimes eaten. The filly of beef is reckoned a dainty.

A horse is sometimes called a charger. Stable keepers are chargers also.

The horse is not very strong. He has to lay down his ears when he lifts his heels.

And when he lifts his heels look out for horse cars. Horse cars are quite common in our crowded streets.

When a horse feels his oats you would best make an out of it.

A horse has four feet, and we often hear of one of fifteen hands.

You can't stifle his ambition. He is a kingly beast, and always wears a coronet. He cares nothing for the throne.

You can tell a horse's age by his teeth—that is, if you know what his age is before you look at his teeth.

There are many races of horses, including the race horse.

The chestnut horse and the reddish horse must not be confounded with the horse chestnut and horse radish. These latter are horses of another color.

Horses are caught by the lasso. Alas! so it is.

Notwithstanding all that is said of the healthfulness of equestrianism, you will seldom get a dealer to take a horse back.

There are several kinds of horses, including the saw horse, the cothes horse, the horse shoe and the horse fly; but should we go into the description of these it would be ex-horsing.

But perhaps we had best end this scribble of puns. We don't wish to carry it too far. Our readers might show a trace of ill-humor, and be a little sulky.

Shall we go on? Neigh.—Boston Transcript.

## Prescribing Pharmacists.

When an apothecary recommends some particular remedy for your cold, he is not usurping the function of a physician to a dangerous extent. He may also give medical advice about your corns or your toothache without subjecting you to much risk of injury. Just now far he ought to go in prescribing is a difficult question to settle. The Medical Association and the College of Pharmacy of Washington have fallen out over it. Some of the pharmacists in that city have taken it upon themselves to practice medicine as well as sell it, not hesitating to deal with dangerous diseases. The doctors reasonably demand a law against this evil. They further insist that a prescription shall not be made up a second time unless permission to repeat it is marked on the paper. Their argument on this point is that the use of perilsous drugs is often continued longer than the physician intended. The apothecaries reply that the doctors are simply looking out for a multiplication of fees, and that some pharmacists can cure an unimportant malady as well as some physicians. The best plan when one is really sick is to go to a man who has M. D. after his name. Those letters are not a guarantee of skillful treatment, but they raise a probability of it.

"You ain't taking any stock in woman's love, eh?" "No," he answered, despondently, "it's all sum-mery." "Very strange," added his friend. "You didn't use to talk that way." "Perhaps not," he replied, "but I've been married nearly two years, and there are four pairs of trousers hanging up in my closet waiting to be patched, and not a stitch taken in them yet."

## HONE, FARM AND GARDEN.

—Liberal manuring on poor soil always pays.

—If a little vinegar or some cider is mixed with stove polish it will not take much rubbing to make the stove bright, and the blacking is not likely to fly off in fine dust.

—The best grass for wet land is red-top; to this may be added meadow spear grass, fowl meadow grass and perennial rye-grass. Of these about six pounds each may be used to the acre.

—Spice Cake.—One cup of sugar, one cup of molasses, two-thirds of a cup of butter, one cup of buttermilk, two and a half cups of flour, one cup of chopped raisins, three eggs, one teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful ground cinnamon, one-half teaspoonful of cloves, one-half teaspoonful grated nutmeg.

—Dolly Varden Cake.—Three eggs, two cups of white sugar, two-thirds of a cup of butter, three cups of flour, one cup of sweet milk, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, half a teaspoonful of soda, take half the mixture, flavor it with lemon and bake in two tins, as for jelly cake; to other half add one tablespoonful of molasses, one cup of chopped raisins, one teaspoonful each of cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg. Bake in two tins. Put the cake together with jelly, a light-colored layer at the bottom, the light one being less likely to crumble.

—Lice on cows, calves, dogs and poultry should be attacked by means of some oily or greasy substance. This kills them. Sulphur is also fatal to them. Persian insect powder is the best of all remedies. This is to be had at all the drug stores. Whatever remedy is applied should be rubbed into the hair and onto the skin so as to reach the vermin. Linsed-oil and sulphur well mixed together is an effective remedy when it is thoroughly well applied. But it is useless to kill the lice all over the back of an animal and leave a colony alive on the bricket or under the thighs, where they usually abound, as in this case they soon spread all over the animal again.—N. E. Times.

—Creamed Mackerel.—Wash a salt mackerel, and soak it all night in cold water. To prepare it for breakfast, wipe it well to get off the salt crystals that may be lodged in the creases, put into a broad pan of boiling water, and cook steadily half an hour. Drain when done, and transfer to a hot dish. Pour over it a sauce made by stirring into a cupful of boiling water a heaping teaspoonful of corn-starch, two teaspoonfuls of butter, one of vinegar, and a little pepper. Instead of the vinegar you can put in a teaspoonful of green pickle minced fine. Stir over the fire until smooth and as thick as custard, when add minced parsley, if convenient. Pour upon the fish; cover, and let it stand five minutes in a warm place before it goes to table.

—Light Brown Bread.—Mix together three cupfuls of rye meal, not rye flour, two of Indian meal, one of molasses, one teaspoonful of salt, and four cups of milk; sour milk may be used, with the addition of two level teaspoonfuls of soda dissolved in it, and it makes better bread than sweet milk. Beat these ingredients to a smooth batter, pour it into a buttered covered mold or tin pail, set it in a pot containing enough boiling water to reach half way up the side of the mold, and steam it for at least two hours; then uncover the mold, and bake it for half or three-quarters of an hour in a moderate oven; the bread is done when the top and sides are light brown.

—It is not always true that a pile of manure steaming with heat and smelling strongly is losing ammonia. Ammonia is a very volatile and pungent gas, and might be known by its peculiar scent, which is freely given off by close ill-ventilated horse stables, or by the coat of ill-dressed horses. But it is not often that this peculiar scent escapes from manure heaps; on the contrary it is a more disagreeable odor, similar to that of rotten eggs. This is sulphuretted hydrogen, and not ammonia, and occasions no loss to the manure except the sulphur. If in making a manure pile some plaster is mixed in the heap all the ammonia will be caught and held by it, and the water contained in the manure will also hold a large quantity (700 times its bulk) of it, and will not give it off at a heat that can be raised in a manure pile. If the manure is left to heat and get dry and "fire fang," or slowly burn to a white, dry light stuff, then the ammonia is lost and the manure seriously injured.

## Sheep That Travel.

Traveling sheep are another of the institutions of the colony in Southern Australia. In a pastoral country like this there must of necessity always be numbers of "stock" changing hands; thus, sheep and cattle may be met almost every day passing from one station to another. By law, sheep are compelled to travel six miles per day; cattle, nine miles; and horses twenty. Sheep are often met with traveling for "feed," that is, the owners thereof, having overstocked their runs, find the grass failing; so they send a large mob of sheep off to some imaginary buyer, some hundreds of miles off, choosing of course the route by which they will pick up most grass. After sauntering along for a month or two, perhaps the rain has come; and there being now plenty of grass, the sheep are brought home by a roundabout way. Sheep of that style are known as "loafers," because the drovers try to go as short a distance as possible each day. All kinds of stock are branded for identification.—Chambers' Journal.

## The Search for the Jeannette.

Chief Engineer A. V. Zane, who has been ordered to accompany the Jeannette search expedition, tells a hopeful story of the plan on which it will proceed. The first stop will probably be made on the southeast corner of Wrangel Island, where Captain de Long agreed to leave a record of his cruise. If no message is found there, a second stop will be made for the same purpose at Herald Island. Mr. Zane says: "The search along the coast of these two islands will probably take two months, when the Arctic winter will begin. We are then ordered to find a secure harbor at Wrangel Island, and if this is not possible to cross over to Siberia and go into winter quarters there. During the winter, sledge parties will be organized and sent out in search of news of the Jeannette. Captain Berry, who will command the Helen and Mary, will be governed entirely by the information we get after reaching the Arctic regions. Our orders are not to stay north more than one winter, but to prosecute the search after the spring opens in 1882 and remain until the winter sets in again. Then we return to San Francisco. . . . Every man on board is a volunteer, and the detail was made by the department after the men had notified it of their intention to go. There will be no scientists with the expedition; therefore, besides the regular duties of the officers, they will be assigned to various scientific investigations. I am to look out for mineralogical discoveries, and all the officers are assigned to other special branches. A complete photographic outfit will be on the ship, which will be fully equipped with every necessary on a voyage of discovery. A balloon will be taken and captive ascensions made for the purpose of observation. We expect to return in about fifteen months."

—John M. Wallace had a narrow escape at Marion, Ind., the other day. He took his seat in a barber's chair, and after the colored artist had put on the latter he made use of such cheerful observations to Mr. Wallace as "I am going to cut your throat, I can do it in a minute; I shall then slit open your stomach and let out your bowels." While indulging in these playful remarks the barber flourished his razor, foamed at the mouth, and played other fantastic tricks, which did not tend to make Mr. Wallace very happy. During one of his gyrations, however, Wallace managed to slip out of the chair, caught hold of the maniac, and, being assisted, had him bound and sent to jail.

—A young fellow from Dover Township, O., walked into the Probate Office and asked Judge Brown for a license for himself and girl to marry. The Judge took down his name, and then asked the name of the young lady. The fellow scratched his head and stammered, but could not recollect it. He studied and studied, but her name had completely slipped his memory. Finally he told the Judge to make it just "the same as his'n," as it soon would be that, but the Judge would not give him the license under the circumstances, and the fellow trudged home and came back in a couple of hours. He had the name this time on a piece of paper, got the license, and went away happy.

—Wee Stone, a Chinese laundryman at Tiffin, O., was naturalized and sued for a divorce from his wife on the same day.

—Three white swans, a rare bird in Iowa, were killed near Commerce the other day.

—Deeds are fruits; words but leaves

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## THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, April 25, 1881.		
CATTLE—Native Steers.....	4 15	41 00
COTTON—Middling.....	11	11
FLOUR—Good to Choice.....	5 00	6 75
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring.....	1 25	1 27
CORN—No. 2.....	58	50 1/2
OATS—Western Mixed.....	45	38 1/2
PORK—Standard Mess.....	17 00	48 00
ST. LOUIS.		
COTTON—Middling.....	10 1/2	10 1/2
REEVES—Choice.....	5 00	6 10
FLOUR—Fair to Choice.....	5 10	6 25
Native Corn.....	3 00	4 25
Texas Steers.....	3 25	4 45
HOGS—Common to Select.....	5 75	6 40
SHEEP—Fair to Choice.....	5 00	5 50
FLOR—No. 1 XXX to Choice.....	4 75	5 40
WHEAT—No. 2 Winter.....	1 05	1 07
No. 3.....	1 01	1 02
CORN—No. 2 Mixed.....	41	42 1/2
OATS—No. 2.....	39	40
RYE—No. 2.....	1 20	1 25
TOBACCO—Dark Leaf.....	2 75	3 00
Medium Dark Leaf.....	2 00	2 00
HAY—Choice Timothy.....	21 00	25 00
BUTTER—Choice Dairy.....	21	25
EGGS—Country.....	11 1/2	12
PORK—Standard Mess.....	17 50	48 00
BACON—Clear Rib.....	11	11 1/2
LYRD—Prime Steam.....	37	38
WOOL—Tub washed, medium.....	32	32
Unwashed.....	22	22
CHICAGO.		
CATTLE—Native Steers.....	4 75	6 00
HOGS—Good to Choice.....	5 50	6 50
SHEEP—Good to Choice.....	4 50	5 50
FLOUR—Winter.....	4 00	4 60
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring.....	4 50	5 00
No. 3.....	1 05	1 10
CORN—No. 2.....	42 1/2	43 1/2
OATS—No. 2.....	35 1/2	36 1/2
RYE—No. 2.....	1 10	1 20
PORK—New Mess.....	17 00	47 25
KANSAS CITY.		
CATTLE—Native Steers.....	4 50	5 50
Native Cows.....	3 50	5 20
HOGS—Sales at.....	5 50	6 70
WHEAT—No. 2.....	90	94
No. 3.....	82	91
CORN—No. 2 Mixed.....	35	37
OATS—No. 2.....	35	37
NEW ORLEANS.		
FLOUR—High Grades.....	5 25	6 12 1/2
CORN—White.....	47 1/2	48
OATS—Choice.....	27 1/2	28
HAY—Choice.....	27 1/2	28
PORK—Mess.....	17 25	48 1/2
BACON—Clear Rib.....	11 1/2	11 1/2
COTTON—Middling.....	10 1/2	10 1/2

[Springfield (Mass.) Republican.]  
Edgar T. Page, Esq., Druggist, writes us from Chicago Falls, Minn.: "Mr. Albert Guenther, under Wilds Hotel, has used that remarkable remedy, St. Jacobs Oil, for a severe case of rheumatism and it cured him, as if by magic. He also used it with great success among his horses, in cases of sprains, sores, etc., and it cures every time."

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[Des Moines (Iowa) State Register.]  
We notice the following in an exchange: Mr. G. B. Haver, Foreman N. Y. & N. H. R. Co., suffered for eight days with terrible pain in the back, almost to distraction, until he heard of and used St. Jacobs Oil, one bottle of which cured him completely.

Berens marriage she was dear and he was her treasure; but afterward she became dearer and he treasure, and yet they are not happy.

No Good Preaching.  
No man can do a good job of work, preach a good sermon, try a law suit, well, doctor a patient, or write a good article when he feels miserable and dull, with sluggish brain and unsteady nerves, and none should make the attempt in such a condition when it can be so easily and cheaply removed by a little Hop Bitters. See other column.—Albany Times.

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